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Renovated Sewer Pump Station Will Protect San Diego Coastline

LA JOLLA, CA -- Today Council President Peters was joined by Mayor Jerry Sanders for the re-opening of Sewer Pump Station 19, located in La Jolla's Bird Rock neighborhood. Originally built in 1950, Sewer Pump Station 19 was upgraded to comply with a sewer spill reduction plan mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The \$4.7 million renovation project includes an expansion of the pumping structure to accommodate a back-up generator, in case of power failure. An emergency storage tank was included to prevent sewage overflow, and odor control and gas monitoring and detection devices were installed. The coastal access stairwell was also replaced as part of the upgrade project.

Reducing sewage spills has been at the top of Council President Peters' agenda since his election in 2000. "Making San Diego's coastline and water cleaner for residents and visitors has been one of my highest priorities as District 1's City Councilmember. The completion of Sewer Pump Station 19 is an important step toward creating a clean, safe coastal environment for La Jolla, and for San Diego."

Mayor Sanders applauded the city's work to reduce sewage spills in the past five years. "How could we call ourselves America's Finest City if we had a sewer spill a day? In the year 2000, San Diego had 365 sewage spills which works out to one per day. Since then, the city has worked hard to reduce the number of spills. Last year we had just 63. That's 63 too many, but it represents a tremendous decrease in just five years."

The improvements to Sewer Pump Station 19 serve as an example of responsible neighborhood development. The project blends in seamlessly with the area's natural beauty, creating a look-out point which offers a breathtaking view of the La Jolla coastline.

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